

new claims are fully supported in the specification and drawings and are believed to be allowable for the reasons to be developed below.

A new Abstract has been provided, as kindly noted by the Examiner.

The specification has been amended to correct minor, formal errors noted therein. No new matter has been added.

The cancellation of Claim 11 will moot its objection.

Claims 1-20 were rejected as being anticipated by Kuba for the reasons detailed at pages 3-6 of the Office Action. Applicant respectfully traverses all art rejections.

Each of Independent claims 14, 21, 27, 33, 37, 41, and 42 recites a novel combination of structure and a/or steps whereby, attribute information is provided in advance of or before the image data or the voice data are generated for recording. While Kuba is capable of generating attribute information in a personal computer, it does not do so in advance of or before the image data or the voice data are generated.

Independent Claim 13 recites a novel combination of steps whereby the file name is automatically determined

depending upon the set photographing recording mode during a recording operation. In contrast, Kuba fails to disclose or suggest structure or function for determining the file name depending upon the set photographing recording mode during the recording operation.

Independent claim 17 recites a novel combination of structure and function whereby the constituting method information is stored on a detachable recording media and later used to automatically determined the filename of the image data or the voice data to be recorded. Kuba fails to disclose or suggest structure for storing such information in a detachable media which is later used to determine a filename of the image data or the voice data.

Independent claim 20 recites a novel combination of structure and function whereby a second storage means stores authentication information which may be used to change the exclusive user attribute information stored in a first storage means. Kuba fails to disclose or suggest structure or function whereby authentication information stored in one storage means is used to change the exclusive user attribute information stored in another storage means.

Accordingly, the salient claimed features of the present invention are nowhere disclosed or suggested by the cited art.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and a notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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